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Introduced by M. of A. RAJKUMAR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to prohibiting the depiction of any candidate for elected office which is created through generative artificial intelligence

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "respect electoral audiovisual legitimacy (REAL) act".

§ 2. Section 14-106 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. (a) No political communication covered by this section shall contain any realistic photo, video or audio depiction of a candidate, or person interacting with a candidate, containing original material created in whole or in part through the use of generative artificial intelligence.

(b) For the purpose of this subdivision, "generative artificial intelligence" shall mean any technology that engages in its own learning and decision-making to generate new data.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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